

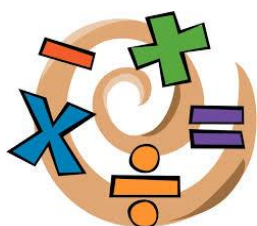


Year 4 Spring 1 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after a well-deserved rest over the holidays. We hope the children are well rested and ready for a new term with lots of hard work, perseverance and challenges ahead.

During our maths lessons, we will be consolidating our multiplication learning and applying our knowledge to solve multi step problems. We will be focusing on mental and written division strategies and continuing to increase our speed using multiplication and division facts, in preparation for the new government assessment of this skill. Please encourage your child to access their Times Tables Rockstars accounts, as this will be of great benefit to them. If you need any help with logging on or missing passwords, just let your child's class teacher know.



In English, we will be exploring the text *Escape from Pompeii* by *Christina Balit* which is the story of Tranio, the son of an actor, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, in witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds. The ground begins to shake, the sky to darken. People run gasping for air. Heading for the harbour, Tranio and his friend Livia hide on a boat and witness one of the most terrifying moments in recorded history-the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the destruction of their beloved city, Pompeii. Improvement in spelling, handwriting and presentation continues to be a high priority and we will be developing our proof reading and editing skills during this term.



In Science, your child will be looking at healthy eating and how the food we eat affects our bodies. They will also be looking at the different types of teeth and how these form part of the digestive system.

PE will be on Tuesday afternoons during the Spring term but please be advised that sometimes we have extra P.E. provision or visitors so please support us by ensuring that your child has a basic PE kit in school **at all times**. All pupils are expected to take part in all PE lessons and will not be excused unless a letter is received from a parent or guardian. Kit should include pumps, white T- shirt, dark shorts and a jumper/sweatshirt as the cold weather continues. Additionally, for safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered with tape and long hair be tied back.



Children will read at least once a week as part of a guided group read and there are lots of other opportunities in school for children to practice reading and comprehension skills. The main focus for this term will continue to be retrieval of information, inference and deduction and reading with expression and intonation by using punctuation in the text. Please continue to support your child in reading with them regularly for at least 10 minutes each evening as this will give them the best chance to enjoy reading and make super progress, as well as being in our weekly prize draw.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Bracegirdle, Miss Green and Miss Stebbings.